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SUBJ: SWAPO STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA INITIATIVE OF WESTERN FIVE

1. FRG MISOFF DISTRIBUTED TO WESTERN FIVE FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM FROM SWAPO INTERNAL VICE CHAIRMAN TJONGARERO.

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

SWAPO OF NAMIBIA, AT THIS VERY CRUCIAL TIME OF
THE NAMIBIAN STRUGGLE WANTS TO OFFICIALLY CLARIFY HER
STANDPOINT AS CONCERNS THE WESTERN INITIATIVE TO FIND AN
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ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM CREATED BY
PRETORIA.

SWAPO WELCOMED THE MEETING OF THE FIVE WESTERN REPRES-
TATIVE IN MAY 1971. WE WANT TO STATE CATEGORICALLY
THAT SWAPO WELCOMES ANY INITIATIVE WHICH SEEMS GENUINELY
CONCERNING TRUE INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA AND WE THUS WANT

TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY SWAPO'S POSITION.

IT HAS NOW BECOME CLEAR THAT THE WHILE TURNHALLE ADVENTURE HAS HAD A MISCARRIAGE, AS WAS PREDICTED RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING, DESPITE RECENT CONFUSING REPORTS THAT THE LESTERN INITIATIVE HAS NOT CHANGED ANYTHING ABOUT THE TURNHALLE, AND THAT THE TURNHALLE WOULD CONTINUE WITH HER PLANS, WHICH SOUND LIKE AN IMMINENT UDI, ESPECIALLY SEEN ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE UNILATERAL REFERENDUM AMONG THE WHITES IN NAMIBIA, ON THE 17TH OF MAY 1977.

SWAPO OF NAMIBIA CANNOT FAIL TO WARN THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE TURNHALLEN PLANS, AS WELL AS A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WOULD ERUPT INTO A CIVIL WAR, WHOSE CONSEQUENCES ARE TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE.

WE WANT TO REITERATE THAT THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE ACCEPTABLE TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, TO SWAPO AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS A FULL-SCALE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN AN OPEN AND NATIONAL ELECTION. THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DETAINEES UNDER SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY LAWS AND REGULATIONS (R17) MUST OF NECESSITY COME -- PRIOR -- TO ANY ELECTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ELECTIONS.

SWAPO DOESN'T SEE ELECTIONS AS AN END-GOAL, BUT RATHER AS THE END-RESULT OF A PROCESS WHICH INCLUDES, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE WHOLE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA, FOR THE CREATION OF A CONDUSIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE OPEN AND UNINHIBITED PARTICIPATION OF THE NAMIBIAN

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PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

ONE BURNING ISSUE WITH ELECTIONS IS THAT OF SUPERVISION AND CONTROL. AS SAID BEFORE: AS LONG AS SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENCE IS MAINTAINED IN NAMIBIA, IT IS CLEAR THAT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL WILL REST WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WANTING TO INSTALL A NEO-COLONIAL REGIME IN NAMIBIA. IN ORDER TO ESCURE FAIRNESS, AND BECAUSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF NAMIBIA, ANY ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA SHOULD BE HELD UNDER UN--SUPERVISION AND CONTROL--.

AS LONG AS THESE BASIC POINTS - INCLUDING THE RETURN OF EXILES - ARE NOT DEALT WITH, WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THE INITIATIVE OFFERED TO US BY THE WEST, WOULD ONLY SERVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATUS QUO. WE WOULD BE FORCED TO HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD STILL CONTINUE TO BE IN CONTROL OF NAMIBIA.

NOTHING SHORT OF TOTAL INDEPENDENCE - POLITICALLY,

ECONOMICALLY, AND OTHERWISE - WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE
NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

A LUTA CONTINUA.
D.J.K. TJONGARERO
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

--ZUSATZ FUER DAPSTADT--
TJONGARERO BITTET, AUCH DIE VERTRETER DER VIER ANDEREN
REGIERUNGEN VON DER ERKLAERUNG IN KENNTNIS ZU SETZEN.
HANSEN

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